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PERSONS REPRESENTED.

ALONSO, *king of Naples.*

SEBASTIAN, *his brother.*

PROSPERO, *the rightful duke of Milan.*

ANTONIO, *his brother, the usurping duke of Milan.*

FERDINAND, *son to the king of Naples.*

GONZALO, *an honest old counsellor of Naples.*

FRANCISCO, { *lords.*

ADRIAN, }

CALIBAN, *a savage and deformed slave.*

TRINCULO, *a jester.*

STEPHANO, *a drunken butler.*

Master of a ship, Boatswain, and Mariners.

MIRANDA, *daughter to Prospero.*

ARIEL, *an airy spirit.*

IRIS, }

CERES, }

JUNO, }

NYMPHS, }

REAPERS, }

spirits.

Other spirits attending on PROSPERO.

SCENE, — *The sea, with a ship; afterwards an uninhabited island.*

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Alonso, King of Naples.
Isabella, his brother.
Ferdinand, the rightful Duke of Milan.
Antonio, his brother, the usurping Duke of Milan.
Ferdinand, son to the King of Naples.
Gonzalo, an honest old councillor of Naples.
Francisco, lover.
Ariel, a spirit.
Caliban, a savage and deformed slave.
Trinculo, a jester.
Steppano, a drunken butler.
Master of a ship, Boatswain, and Mariner.
Miranda, daughter to Prospero.

Ariel, my airy spirit.
Iris,
Ceres,
Juno,
Venus,
Mars,
Neptune.

Other spirits attending on Prospero.
Scene — The sea, with a ship's rigging on
unsubstantiated island.

A C T I.

SCENE I.

On a ship at sea.

A storm with thunder and lightning.

Enter a Ship-master and a Boatswain.

Master. Boatswain!

Boats. Here, master: What cheer?

Mast. Good: Speak to the mariners: fall to't yarely, or we run ourselves aground: bestir, bestir. (Exit.)

Enter Mariners.

Boats. Heigh, my hearts; cheerly, cheerly, my hearts; yare, yare: Take in the top-sail; tend to the master's whistle. Blow, till thou burst thy wind, if room enough!

Enter ALONSO, SEBASTIAN, ANTONIO, FERDINAND, GONZALO, and others.

Alon. Good boatswain, have care. Where's the master? Play the men.

Boats. I pray now, keep below.

Ant. Where is the master, boatswain?

Boats. Do you not hear him? You mar our labor; keep your cabins: you do assist the storm.

Gon. Nay, good, be patient.

Boats. When the sea is. Hence! What care these roarers for the name of king? To cabin: silence: trouble us not.

Gon. Good ; yet remember whom thou hast aboard.

Boats. None that I more love than myself. You are a counsellor ; if you can command these elements to silence, and work the peace of the present, we will not hand a rope more ; use your authority. If you cannot, give thanks you have lived so long, and make yourself ready in your cabin for the mischance of the hour, if it so hap. Cheerly, good hearts. — Out of our way, I say.

(Exit.)

Gon. I have great comfort from this fellow : methinks, he hath no drowning mark upon him ; his complexion is perfect gallows. Stand fast, good fate, to his hanging ! make the rope of his destiny our cable, for our own doth little advantage ! If he be not born to be hanged, our case is miserable. (Exeunt.)

Re-enter Boatswain.

Boats. Down with the top-mast ; yare ; lower, lower ; bring her to try with main-course. (A cry within.) A plague upon this howling ! they are louder than the weather, or our office.

Re-enter SEBASTIAN, ANTONIO, and GONZALO.

Yet again ? what do you here ? Shall we give o'er and drown ? Have you a mind to sink ?

Seb. A pox o' your throat ! you bawling, blasphemous, uncharitable dog !

Boats. Work you, then.

Ant. Hang, cur, hang ! you whoreson, insolent noise-maker, we are less afraid to be drowned than thou art.

Gon. I'll warrant him from drowning ; though the ship were no stronger than a nut-shell, and as leaky as an unstanch'd wench.

Boats. Lay her a-hold, a-hold ; set her two courses ; off to sea again, lay her off.

Enter Mariners, wet.

Mar. All lost! to prayers, to prayers! all lost!

(*Exeunt.*)

Boats. What, must our mouths be cold?

Gon. The king and prince at prayers! let us assist them,

For our case is as theirs.

Seb. I am out of patience.

Ant. We are merely cheated of our lives by drunkards.—

This wide-chapped rascal — Would thou mightst lie drowning,

The washing of ten tides!

Gon. He'll be hanged yet;

Though every drop of water swear against it,

And gape at wid'st to glut him.

(*A confused noise within.*)

Mercy on us! — We split! we split! — Farewell, my wife and children! — Farewell, brother! — We split, we split, we split!

Ant. Let's all sink with the king. (*Exit.*)

Seb. Let's take leave of him. (*Exit.*)

Gon. Now would I give a thousand furlongs of sea for an acre of barren ground; long heath, brown furze, any thing: The wills above be done! but I would fain die a dry death. (*Exit.*)

SCENE II.

The island: before the cell of PROSPERO.

Enter PROSPERO and MIRANDA.

Mira. If by your art, my dearest father, you have

Put the wild waters in this roar, allay them:

The sky, it seems, would pour down stinking pitch,

But that the sea, mounting to the welkin's cheek,

Dashes the fire out. O, I have suffer'd

With those that I saw suffer! a brave vessel,

Who had no doubt some noble creatures in her,

Dash'd all to pieces. O, the cry did knock

Against my very heart! Poor souls! they perish'd.

Had I been any god of power, I would
Have sunk the sea within the earth, or e'er
It should the good ship so have swallow'd, and
The freighting souls within her.

Pro. Be collected;

No more amazement: tell your piteous heart,
There's no harm done.

Mira. O, woe the day!

Pro. No harm.

I have done nothing but in care of thee,
(Of thee, my dear one; thee, my daughter!) who
Art ignorant of what thou art, naught knowing
Of whence I am: nor that I am more better
Than Prospero, master of a full poor cell,
And thy no greater father.

Mira. More to know
Did never meddle with my thoughts.

Pro. 'Tis time
I should inform thee further. Lend thy hand,
And pluck my magic garment from me. — So;

(Lays down his mantle.)

Lie there, my art. — Wipe thou thine eyes; have
comfort.

The direful spectacle of the wreck, which touch'd
The very virtue of compassion in thee,
I have with such provision in mine art
So safely order'd, that there is no soul —
No, not so much perdition as a hair,
Betid to any creature in the vessel
Which thou heardest cry, which thou sawst sink.

Sit down;

For thou must now know further.

Mira. You have often
Begun to tell me what I am; but stopp'd
And left me to a bootless inquisition;
Concluding, *Stay, not yet.* —

Pro. The hour's now come;
The very minute bids thee ope thine ear;
Obey, and be attentive. Canst thou remember
A time before we came unto this cell?
I do not think thou canst; for then thou wast not
Out three years old.

Mira. Certainly, sir, I can.

Pro. By what? by any other house, or person?

Of any thing the image tell me, that
Hath kept with thy remembrance.

Mira. 'Tis far off;
And rather like a dream than an assurance
That my remembrance warrants: Had I not
Four or five women once, that tended me?

Pro. Thou hadst, and more, Miranda: But how
is it,
That this lives in thy mind? What seest thou else
In the dark backward and abysm of time?
If thou rememberst aught, ere thou camest here,
How thou camest here, thou mayst.

Mira. But that I do not.

Pro. Twelve years since, Miranda, twelve years
since,
Thy father was the duke of Milan, and
A prince of power.

Mira. Sir, are not you my father?

Pro. Thy mother was a piece of virtue, and
She said — thou wast my daughter; and thy father
Was duke of Milan; and his only heir
A princess; — no worse issued.

Mira. O, the heavens!
What foul play had we, that we came from thence?
Or blessed was't we did?

Pro. Both, both, my girl:
By foul play, as thou sayst, were we heaved
thence;
But blessedly help hither.

Mira. O, my heart bleeds
To think o'the teen that I have turn'd you to,
Which is from my remembrance! Please you,
further.

Pro. My brother, and thy uncle, call'd Anto-
nio, —

I pray thee, mark me, — that a brother should
Be so perfidious! — he whom, next thyself,
Of all the world I loved, and to him put
The manage of my state; as, at that time
Through all the signiories it was the first,
And Prospero the prime duke; being so reputed
In dignity, and, for the liberal arts,
Without a parallel; those being all my study,
The government I cast upon my brother,

Subject his coronet to his crown, and bend
The dukedom, yet unbow'd, (alas, poor Milan!)
To most ignoble stooping.

Mira. O, the heavens!

Pro. Mark his condition, and the event; then
tell me,

If this might be a brother.

Mira. I should sin
To think but nobly of my grandmother:
Good wombs have borne bad sons.

Pro. Now the condition.
This king of Naples, being an enemy
To me inveterate, hearkens my brother's suit;
Which was, that he in lieu o'the premises, —
Of homage, and I know not how much tribute, —
Should presently extirpate me and mine
Out of the dukedom; and confer fair Milan,
With all the honors, on my brother: Whereon,
A treacherous army levied, one midnight
Fated to the purpose, did Antonio open
The gates of Milan; and, i' the dead of darkness,
The ministers for the purpose hurried thence
Me, and thy crying self.

Mira. Alack, for pity!
I, not remembering how I cried out then,
Will cry it o'er again; it is a hint,
That wrings mine eyes.

Pro. Hear a little further,
And then I'll bring thee to the present business
Which now's upon us; without the which, this
story

Were must impertinent.

Mira. Wherefore did they not
That hour destroy us?

Pro. Well demanded, wench;
My tale provokes that question. Dear, they durst
not;

(So dear the love my people bore me) nor set
A mark so bloody on the business; but
With colors fairer painted their foul ends.
In few, they hurried us aboard a bark;
Bore us some leagues to sea; where they pre-
pared

A rotten carcass of a boat, not rigg'd,

Nor tackle, sail, nor mast; the very rats
Instinctively had quit it: there they hoist us,
To cry to the sea that roar'd to us; to sigh
To the winds, whose pity, sighing back again,
Did us but loving wrong.

Mira. Alack! what trouble
Was I then to you!

Pro. O! a cherubim
Thou wast, that did preserve me! Thou didst
smile,
Infused with a fortitude from heaven,
When I have deck'd the sea with drops full salt;
Under my burden groan'd; which raised in me
An undergoing stomach, to bear up
Against what should ensue.

Mira. How came we ashore?

Pro. By Providence divine.
Some food we had, and some fresh water, that
A noble Neapolitan, Gonzalo,
Out of his charity, (who being then appointed
Master of this design,) did give us; with
Rich garments, linens, stuffs, and necessities,
Which since have steaded much; so, of his gentle-
ness,
Knowing I loved my books, he furnish'd me,
From my own library, with volumes that
I prize above my dukedom.

Mira. Would I might
But ever see that man!

Pro. Now I arise: —
Sit still, and hear the last of our sea-sorrow.
Here in this island we arrived; and here
Have I, thy schoolmaster, made thee more profit
Than other princes can, that have more time
For vainer hours, and tutors not so careful.

Mira. Heavens thank you for't! And now, I
pray you, sir.

(For still 'tis beating in my mind,) your reason
For raising this sea-storm?

Pro. Know thus far forth. —
By accident most strange, bountiful fortune,
Now my dear lady, hath mine enemies
Brought to this shore: and by my prescience
I find my zenith doth depend upon

A most auspicious star; whose influence
 If now I court not, but omit, my fortunes
 Will ever after droop. — Here cease more ques-
 tions;
 Thou art inclined to sleep; 'tis a good dulness,
 And give it way; — I know thou canst not
 choose. — (MIRANDA sleeps.)
 Come away, servant, come: I am ready now;
 Approach, my Ariel; come.

Enter ARIEL.

Ariel. All hail, great master! grave sir, hail!
 I come

To answer thy best pleasure; be't to fly,
 To swim, to dive into the fire, to ride
 On the curl'd clouds; to thy strong bidding, task
 Ariel, and all his quality.

Pro. Hast thou, spirit,
 Perform'd to point the tempest that I bade thee?

Ari. To every article.

I boarded the king's ship; now on the beak,
 Now in the waist, the deck, in every cabin,
 I flamed amazement: Sometimes, I'd divide,
 And burn in many places; on the top-mast,
 The yards, and bowsprit, would I flame distinctly,
 Then meet, and join: Jove's lightnings, the pre-
 cursors

O'the dreadful thunder-claps, more momentary
 And sight-out-running were not: The fire, and
 cracks

Of sulphurous roaring, the most mighty Neptune
 Seem'd to besiege, and make his bold waves
 tremble,

Yea, his dread trident shake.

Pro. My brave spirit!
 Who was so firm, so constant, that this coil
 Would not infect his reason?

Ari. Not a soul
 But felt a fever of the mad, and play'd
 Some tricks of desperation: All, but mariners,
 Plunged in the foaming brine, and quit the vessel,
 Then all a-fire with me: the king's son, Ferdinand,
 With hair up-staring (then like reeds, not hair,)

Was the first man that leap'd; cried, *Hell is empty,*
And all the devils are here.

Pro. Why, that's my spirit!
 But was not this nigh shore?

Ari. Close by, my master.

Pro. But are they, Ariel, safe?

Ari. Not a hair perish'd;
 On their sustaining garments not a blemish,
 But fresher than before: and, as thou badest me,
 In troops I have dispersed them 'bout the isle:
 The king's son have I landed by himself;
 Whom I left cooling of the air with sighs,
 In an odd angle of the isle, and sitting,
 His arms in this sad knot.

Pro. Of the king's ship,
 The mariners, say, how thou hast disposed,
 And all the rest o'the fleet?

Ari. Safely in harbour
 Is the king's ship; in the deep nook, where once
 Thou call'dst me up at midnight to fetch dew
 From the still-vex'd Bermoothes, there she's hid:
 The mariners all under hatches stow'd;
 Whom, with a charm join'd to their suffer'd labor,
 I have left asleep: and for the rest o'the fleet,
 Which I dispersed, they all have met again;
 And are upon the Mediterranean flote,
 Bound sadly home for Naples;
 Supposing that they saw the king's ship wreck'd,
 And his great person perish.

Pro. Ariel, thy charge
 Exactly is perform'd; but there's more work:
 What is the time o'the day?

Ari. Past the mid season.

Pro. At least two glasses: The time 'twixt six
 and now,
 Must by us both be spent most precious.

Ari. Is there more toil? Since thou dost give
 me pains,
 Let me remember thee what thou hast promised,
 Which is not yet perform'd me.

Pro. How now? moody?
 What is't thou canst demand?

Ari. My liberty.

Pro. Before the time be out? no more.

Ari.

I pray thee

Remember, I have done thee worthy service:
Told thee no lies, made no mistakings, served
Without or grudge or grumblings; thou didst
promise

To bate me a full year.

Pro.

Dost thou forget

From what a torment I did free thee?

Ari.

No.

Pro. Thou dost; and thinkst

It much, to tread the ooze of the salt deep;
To run upon the sharp wind of the north;
To do me business in the veins o' the earth,
When it is baked with frost.

Ari.

I do not, sir.

Pro. Thou liest, malignant thing! Hast thou
forgot

The foul witch, Sycorax, who, with age, and envy,
Was grown into a hoop? Hast thou forgot her?

Ari. No, sir.

Pro.

Thou hast: where was she born?
speak; tell me.

Ari. Sir, in Argier.

Pro.

O, was she so? I must,

Once in a month, recount what thou hast been,
Which thou forgetst. This damn'd witch, Sycorax,
For mischiefs manifold, and sorceries terrible
To enter human hearing, from Argier,
Thou knowst, was banish'd; for one thing she did,
They would not take her life: Is not this true?

Ari. Ay, sir.

Pro. This blue-eyed hag was hither brought with
child,

And here was left by the sailors: Thou, my slave,
As thou reportst thyself, wast then her servant:
And, for thou wast a spirit too delicate
To act her earthly and abhorr'd commands,
Refusing her grand hests, she did confine thee,
By help of her more potent ministers,
And in her most unmitigable rage,
Into a cloven pine; within which rift
Imprison'd, thou didst painfully remain
A dozen years; within which space she died,

And left thee there; where thou didst vent thy
groans,
As fast as mill-wheels strike. Then was this
island,
(Save for the son that she did litter here,
A freckled whelp, hag-born,) not honor'd with
A human shape.

Ari. Yes; Caliban her son.

Pro. Dull thing, I say so; he, that Caliban,
Whom now I keep in service. Thou best knowst
What torment I did find thee in: thy groans
Did make wolves howl, and penetrate the breasts
Of ever-angry bears: it was a torment
To lay upon the damn'd, which Sycorax
Could not again undo; it was mine art,
When I arrived, and heard thee, that made gape
The pine, and let thee out.

Ari. I thank thee, master.

Pro. If thou more murmur'st, I will rend an oak,
And peg thee in his knotty entrails, till
Thou hast howl'd away twelve winters.

Ari. Pardon, master:
I will be correspondent to command,
And do my spiriting gently.

Pro. Do so, and after two days
I will discharge thee.

Ari. That's my noble master!
What shall I do? say what? what shall I do?

Pro. Go make thyself like to a nymph o' the sea;

Be subject to no sight but mine; invisible
To every eye-ball else. Go, take this shape,
And hither come in't: hence, with diligence.

(Exit ARIEL.)

Awake, dear heart, awake! thou hast slept well:
Awake!

Mira. The strangeness of your story put Heaviness in me.

Pro. Shake it off: Come on;
We'll visit Caliban, my slave, who never
Yields us kind answer.

Mira. 'Tis a villain, sir,
I do not love to look on.

Pro. But, as 'tis,

We cannot miss him : he does make our fire,
Fetch in our wood ; and serves in offices
That profit us. What ho ! slave ! Caliban !
Thou earth, thou ! speak.

Cal. (Within.) There's wood enough within.

Pro. Come forth, I say ; there's other business
for thee :

Come forth, thou tortoise ! when ? —

Re-enter ARIEL, like a water-nymph.

Fine apparition ! My quaint Ariel,
Hark in thine ear.

Ari. My lord, it shall be done. (Exit.)

Pro. Thou poisonous slave, got by the devil
himself

Upon thy wicked dam, come forth !

Enter CALIBAN.

Cal. As wicked dew as e'er my mother brush'd
With raven's feather from unwholesome fen,
Drop on you both ! a south-west blow on you,
And blister you all o'er !

Pro. For this, be sure, to-night thou shalt have
cramps,

Side-stitches that shall pen thy breath up ; urchins
Shall, for that vast of night that they may work,
All exercise on thee : thou shalt be pinch'd
As thick as honey-combs, each pinch more stinging
Than bees that made them.

Cal. I must eat my dinner.
This island's mine, by Sycorax my mother,
Which thou takest from me. When thou camest
first,

Thou strokedst me, and madest much of me ;
wouldst give me

Water with berries in't ; and teach me how
To name the bigger light, and how the less,
That burn by day and night : and then I loved
thee,

And show'd thee all the qualities o' the isle,
The fresh springs, brine pits, barren place, and
fertile ;

Cursed be I that did so! — All the charms
Of Sycorax, toads, beetles, bats, light on you!
For I am all the subjects that you have,
Who first was mine own king: and here you
sty me

In this hard rock, whiles you do keep from me
The rest o' the island.

Pro. Thou most lying slave,
Whom stripes may move, not kindness: I have
used thee,
Filth as thou art, with human care; and lodged
thee

In mine own cell, till thou didst seek to violate
The honor of my child.

Cal. O ho, O ho! — would it had been done!
Thou didst prevent me; I had peopled else
This isle with Calibans.

Pro. Abhorred slave;
Which any print of goodness will not take,
Being capable of all ill! I pitied thee,
Took pains to make thee speak, taught thee each
hour

One thing or other; when thou didst not, savage,
Know thine own meaning, but wouldst gabble
like

A thing most brutish, I endow'd thy purposes
With words that made them known: But thy vile
race,

Though thou didst learn, had that in't which good
natures

Could not abide to be with; therefore wast thou
Deservedly confined into this rock,
Who hadst deserved more than a prison.

Cal. You taught me language; and my profit
on't

Is, I know how to curse: the red plague rid you,
For learning me your language!

Pro. Hag-seed, hence!
Fetch us in fuel; and be quick, thou wert best,
To answer other business. Shrugst thou, malice?
If thou neglectest, or dost unwillingly
What I command, I'll rack thee with old cramps;
Fill all thy bones with aches; make thee roar,
That beasts shall tremble at thy din.

Cal. No, pray thee! —
I must obey: his art is of such power, (*Aside.*)
It would control my dam's god, Setebos,
And make a vassal of him.

Pro. So, slave; hence! (*Exit CAL.*)

Re-enter ARIEL invisible, playing and singing; FERDINAND following him.

ARIEL'S Song.

*Come unto these yellow sands,
And then take hands;
Courtsied when you have, and kiss'd,
(The wild waves whist.)
Foot it featly here and there;
And, sweet sprites, the burden bear.
Hark, hark!*

Bur. Bowgh, wowgh. (*dispersedly.*)

The watch-dogs bark:

Bur. Bowgh, wowgh. (*dispersedly.*)

*Hark, hark! I hear
The strain of strutting chanticlere
Cry, cock-a-doodle-doo.*

Fer. Where should this music be? i'the air, or
the earth?

It sounds no more: — and sure, it waits upon
Some god o' the island. Sitting on a bank,
Weeping again the king my father's wreck,
This music crept by me upon the waters;
Allaying both their fury and my passion,
With its sweet air: thence I have follow'd it,
Or it hath drawn me rather: — But 'tis gone.
No, it begins again.

ARIEL sings.

*Full fathom five thy father lies;
Of his bones are coral made;
Those are pearls that were his eyes
Nothing of him that doth fade,
But doth suffer a sea-change
Into something rich and strange.*

*Sea-nymphs hourly ring his knell :
Hark ! now I hear them, — ding-dong bell.
Bur. Ding-dong.*

Fer. The ditty does remember my drown'd father. —

This is no mortal business, nor no sound
That the earth owes : — I hear it now above me.

Pro. The fringed curtains of thine eye advance,
And say, what thou seest yond'.

Mira. What is't? a spirit?
Lord; how it looks about! Believe me, sir,
It carries a brave form : — But 'tis a spirit.

Pro. No, wench; it eats and sleeps, and hath
such senses

As we have, such: This gallant which thou seest,
Was in the wreck; and but he's something stain'd
With grief, that's beauty's canker, thou mightst
call him

A goodly person: he hath lost his fellows,
And strays about to find them.

Mira. I might call him
A thing divine; for nothing natural
I ever saw so noble.

Pro. It goes on, (*Aside.*)
As my soul prompts it: — Spirit, fine spirit! I'll
free thee

Within two days for this.

Fer. Most sure, the goddess
On whom these airs attend! — Vouchsafe, my prayer
May know if you remain upon this island;
And that you will some good instruction give,
How I may bear me here: My prime request,
Which I do last pronounce, is, O you wonder!
If you be maid, or no?

Mira. No wonder, sir!
But, certainly a maid.

Fer. My language! heavens! —
I am the best of them that speak this speech,
Were I but where 'tis spoken.

Pro. How the best?
What wert thou, if the king of Naples heard thee?

Fer. A single thing, as I am now, that wonders
To hear thee speak of Naples: he does hear me;

And, that he does, I weep : myself am Naples ;
Who with mine eyes, ne'er since at ebb, beheld
The king my father wreck'd.

Mira. Alack, for mercy!

Fer. Yes, faith, and all his lords; the duke of
Milan.

And his brave son, being twain.

Pro. The duke of Milan,
And his more braver daughter, could control thee,
If now 'twere fit to do't : — At the first sight (*Aside.*)
They have chang'd eyes : — Delicate Ariel,
I'll set thee free for this! — A word, good sir;
I fear, you have done yourself some wrong; a
word.

Mira. Why speaks my father so ungently? This
Is the third man that e'er I saw; the first
That e'er I sigh'd for : pity move my father
To be inclined my way!

Fer. O, if a virgin,
And your affection not gone forth, I'll make you
The queen of Naples.

Pro. Soft, sir; one word more. —
They are both in either's powers : but this swift
business

I must uneasy make, lest too light winning (*Aside.*)
Make the prize light. — One word more; I charge
thee,

That thou attend me : thou dost here usurp
The name thou owest not; and hast put thyself
Upon this island, as a spy, to win it
From me, the lord on't.

Fer. No, as I am a man.

Mira. There's nothing ill can dwell in such a
temple :

If the ill spirit have so fair a house,
Good things will strive to dwell with't.

Pro. Follow me. — (*To FERD.*)
Speak not you for him; he's a traitor. — Come.
I'll manacle thy neck and feet together;
Sea-water shalt thou drink, thy food shall be
The fresh-brook muscles, wither'd roots, and
husks,

Wherein the acorn cradled : Follow.

Fer. No;

I will resist such entertainment, till
Mine enemy has more power. (He draws.)

Mira. O dear father,
Make not too rash a trial of him, for
He's gentle, and not fearful.

Pro. What, I say,
My foot my tutor! — Put thy sword up, traitor;
Who makest a show, but darest not strike, thy
conscience

Is so possess'd with guilt: come from thy ward;
For I can here disarm thee with this stick,
And make thy weapon drop.

Mira. Beseech you, father!

Pro. Hence; hang not on my garments.

Mira. Sir, have pity;
I'll be his surety.

Pro. Silence: one word more
Shall make me chide thee, if not hate thee. What!
An advocate for an impostor? hush!
Thou thinkst there are no more such shapes as he,
Having seen but him and Caliban: Foolish wench!
To the most of men this is a Caliban,
And they to him are angels.

Mira. My affections
Are then most humble; I have no ambition
To see a goodlier man.

Pro. Come on; obey: (To FERD.)
Thy nerves are in their infancy again,
And have no vigor in them.

Fer. So they are:
My spirits, as in a dream, are all bound up.
My father's loss, the weakness which I feel,
The wreck of all my friends, or this man's threats,
To whom I am subdued, are but light to me,
Might I but through my prison once a day
Behold this maid: all corners else o' the earth
Let liberty make use of; space enough
Have I in such a prison.

Pro. It works: — Come on.
Thou hast done well, fine Ariel! — Follow me. —
(To FERDINAND and MIRANDA.)

Hark, what thou else shalt do me.

(To ARIEL.)

Mira.

Be of comfort:

My father's of a better nature, sir,
Than he appears by speech; this is unwonted,
Which now came from him.

Pro. Thou shalt be as free
As mountain winds: but then exactly do
All points of my command.

Ari. To the syllable.

Pro. Come, follow: speak not for him. (Exeunt.)

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## A C T I I.

### SCENE I.

*Another part of the island.*

*Enter* ALONSO, SEBASTIAN, ANTONIO,  
GONZALO, ADRIAN, FRANCISCO, *and*  
*others.*

*Gon.* Beseech you, sir, be merry: you have  
cause

(So have we all) of joy; for our escape  
Is much beyond our loss: our hint of woe  
Is common; every day, some sailor's wife,  
The masters of some merchant, and the merchant,  
Have just our theme of woe: but for the miracle,  
I mean our preservation, few in millions  
Can speak like us; then wisely, good sir, weigh  
Our sorrow with our comfort.

*Alon.* Prithee, peace.

*Seb.* He receives comfort like cold porridge.

*Ant.* The visitor will not give him o'er so.

*Seb.* Look, he's winding up the watch of his  
wit; by and by it will strike.

*Gon.* Sir, —



*Seb.* One : — Tell.

*Gon.* When every grief is entertain'd, that's  
offer'd,

Comes to the entertainer —

*Seb.* A dollar.

*Gon.* Dolor comes to him, indeed ; you have  
spoken truer than you purposed.

*Seb.* You have taken it wiselier than I meant  
you should.

*Gon.* Therefore, my lord, —

*Ant.* Fie, what a spendthrift is he of his  
tongue !

*Alon.* I prithee, spare.

*Gon.* Well, I have done : But yet —

*Seb.* He will be talking.

*Ant.* Which of them, he, or Adrian, for a good  
wager, first begins to crow ?

*Seb.* The old cock.

*Ant.* The cockrel.

*Seb.* Done : The wager ?

*Ant.* A laughter.

*Seb.* A match.

*Adr.* Though this island seem to be desert, —

*Seb.* Ha, ha, ha !

*Ant.* So, you've pay'd.

*Adr.* Uninhabitable, and almost inaccessible, —

*Seb.* Yet,

*Adr.* Yet —

*Ant.* He could not miss it.

*Adr.* It must needs be of subtle, tender, and  
delicate temperance.

*Ant.* Temperance was a delicate wench.

*Seb.* Ay, and a subtle ; as he most learnedly  
delivered.

*Adr.* The air breathes upon us here most  
sweetly.

*Seb.* As if it had lungs, and rotten ones.

*Ant.* Or, as 'twere perfumed by a fen.

*Gon.* Here is every thing advantageous to life.

*Ant.* True ; save means to live.

*Seb.* Of that there's none, or little.

*Gon.* How lush and lusty the grass looks ? how  
green ?

*Ant.* The ground, indeed, is tawny.



*Seb.* With an eye of green in't.

*Ant.* He misses not much.

*Seb.* No; he doth but mistake the truth totally.

*Gon.* But the rarity of it is (which is indeed almost beyond credit) —

*Seb.* As many vouch'd rarities are.

*Gon.* That our garments, being, as they were, drenched in the sea, hold, notwithstanding, their freshness and glosses; being rather new dyed than stained with salt water.

*Ant.* If but one of his pockets could speak, would it not say, he lies?

*Seb.* Ay, or very falsely pocket up his report.

*Gon.* Methinks, our garments are now as fresh as when we put them on first in Afric, at the marriage of the king's fair daughter Claribel to the king of Tunis.

*Seb.* 'Twas a sweet marriage, and we prosper well in our return.

*Adr.* Tunis was never graced before with such a paragon to their queen.

*Gon.* Not since widow Dido's time.

*Ant.* Widow? a pox o' that! How came that widow in? Widow Dido!

*Seb.* What if he had said, widower Aeneas too? good lord, how you take it!

*Adr.* Widow Dido, said you? you make me study of that: she was of Carthage, not of Tunis.

*Gon.* This Tunis, sir, was Carthage.

*Adr.* Carthage?

*Gon.* I assure you, Carthage.

*Ant.* His word is more than the miraculous harp.

*Seb.* He hath rais'd the wall and houses too.

*Ant.* What impossible matter will he make easy next?

*Seb.* I think he will carry this island home in his pocket, and give it his son for an apple.

*Ant.* And sowing the kernels of it in the sea, bring forth more islands.

*Gon.* Ay?

*Ant.* Why, in good time.

*Gon.* Sir, we were talking that our garments seem now as fresh, as when we were at Tunis



at the marriage of your daughter, who is now queen.

*Ant.* And the rarest that e'er came there.

*Seb.* Bate, I beseech you, widow Dido.

*Ant.* O, widow Dido ; ay, widow Dido.

*Gon.* Is not, sir, my doublet as fresh as the first day I wore it ? I mean, in a sort.

*Ant.* That sort was well fish'd for.

*Gon.* When I wore it at your daughter's marriage ?

*Alon.* You cram these words into mine ears,  
against

The stomach of my sense : Would I had never  
Married my daughter there ! for, coming thence,  
My son is lost ; and, in my rate, she too,  
Who is so far from Italy removed,  
I ne'er again shall see her. O thou mine heir  
Of Naples and of Milan, what strange fish  
Hath made his meal on thee !

*Fran.* Sir, he may live ;  
I saw him beat the surges under him,  
And ride upon their backs : he trod the water,  
Whose enmity he flung aside, and breasted  
The surge most swoln that met him : his bold  
head

'Bove the contentious waves he kept, and oar'd  
Himself with his good arms in lusty stroke  
To the shore, that o'er his wave-worn basis  
bow'd,

As stooping to relieve him : I not doubt,  
He came alive to land.

*Alon.* No, no, he's gone.

*Seb.* Sir, you may thank yourself for this great  
loss ;

That would not bless our Europe with your  
daughter,

But rather lose her to an African ;  
Where she, at least, is banish'd from your eye,  
Who hath cause to wet the grief on't.

*Alon.* Prithee, peace.

*Seb.* You were kneel'd to, and importuned other-  
wise

By all of us ; and the fair soul herself



Weigh'd, between loathness and obedience, at  
Which end o' the beam she'd bow. We have lost  
your son,  
I fear, for ever : Milan and Naples have  
More widows in them of this business' making,  
Than we bring men to comfort them : the fault's  
Your own.

*Alon.* So is the dearest of the loss.

*Gon.* My lord Sebastian,  
The truth you speak doth lack some gentleness,  
And time to speak it in : you rub the sore,  
When you should bring the plaster.

*Seb.* Very well.

*Ant.* And most chirurgically.

*Gon.* It is foul weather in us all, good sir,  
When you are cloudy.

*Seb.* Foul weather?

*Ant.* Very foul.

*Gon.* Had I plantation of this isle, my lord, —

*Ant.* He'd sow it with nettle-seed

*Seb.* Or docks or mallows.

*Gon.* And were the king of it, What would I do?

*Seb.* Scape being drunk, for want of wine.

*Gon.* I' the commonwealth I would by contraries  
Execute all things : for no kind of traffic  
Would I admit ; no name of magistrate ;  
Letters should not be known ; no use of service,  
Of riches or of poverty ; no contracts,  
Successions, bound of land, tilth, vineyard, none :  
No use of metal, corn, or wine, or oil :  
No occupation ; all men idle, all ;  
And women too ; but innocent and pure :  
No sovereignty : —

*Seb.* And yet he would be king on't.

*Ant.* The latter end of his commonwealth for-  
gets the beginning.

*Gon.* All things in common nature should pro-  
duce

Without sweat or endeavour : treason, felony,  
Sword, pike, knife, gun, or need of any engine,  
Would I not have ; but nature should bring forth,  
Of its own kind, all foison, all abundance,  
To feed my innocent people.



*Seb.* No marrying 'mong his subjects?

*Ant.* None, man; all idle; whores, and knaves.

*Gon.* I would with such perfection govern, sir,  
To excel the golden age.

*Seb.* Save his majesty!

*Ant.* Long live Gonzalo!

*Gon.* And, do you mark me, sir? —

*Alon.* Prithee, no more. thou dost talk nothing  
to me.

*Gon.* I do well believe your highness; and did  
it to minister occasion to these gentlemen, who  
are of such sensible and nimble lungs, that they  
always use to laugh at nothing.

*Ant.* 'Twas you we laugh'd at.

*Gon.* Who in this kind of merry fooling, am  
nothing to you; so you may continue, and laugh  
at nothing still.

*Ant.* What a blow was there given?

*Seb.* An it had not fallen flat-long.

*Gon.* You are gentlemen of brave mettle: you  
would lift the moon out of her sphere, if she would  
continue in it five weeks without changing.

*Enter ARIEL invisible, playing solemn  
music.*

*Seb.* We would so, and then go a bat-fowling.

*Ant.* Nay, good my lord, be not angry.

*Gon.* No, I warrant you; I will not adventure  
my discretion so weakly. Will you laugh me  
asleep, for I am very heavy?

*Ant.* Go, sleep, and hear us.

(All sleep but ALONSO, SEEBASTIAN, and ANTONIO.)

*Alon.* What, all so soon asleep! I wish mine  
eyes

Would, with themselves, shut up my thoughts:  
I find,

They are inclined to do so.

*Seb.* Please you, sir,  
Do not omit the heavy offer of it:



It seldom visits sorrow; when it doth,  
It is a comforter.

*Ant.* We two, my lord,  
Will guard your person, while you take your  
rest,  
And watch your safety.

*Alon.* Thank you: Wondrous heavy.

(ALONSO sleeps. Exit ARIEL.)

*Seb.* What a strange drowsiness possesses  
them!

*Ant.* It is the quality o' the climate.

*Seb.* Why  
Doth it not then our eye-lids sink? I find not  
Myself disposed to sleep.

*Ant.* Nor I; my spirits are nimble.  
They fell together all, as by consent;  
They dropp'd, as by a thunder-stroke. What  
might,  
Worthy Sebastian? — O, what might? — No  
more; —

And yet, methinks, I see it in thy face,  
What thou shouldst be: the occasion speaks thee;  
and  
My strong imagination sees a crown  
Dropping upon thy head.

*Seb.* What, art thou waking?

*Ant.* Do you not hear me speak?

*Seb.* I do; and, surely,  
It is a sleepy language; and thou speak'st  
Out of thy sleep: What is it thou didst say?  
This is a strange repose, to be asleep  
With eyes wide open; standing, speaking, moving,  
And yet so fast asleep.

*Ant.* Noble Sebastian,  
Thou letst thy fortune sleep — die rather; wink'st  
Whiles thou art waking.

*Seb.* Thou dost snore distinctly;  
There's meaning in thy snores.

*Ant.* I am more serious than my custom: you  
Must be so too, if heed me; which to do,  
Trebles thee o'er.

*Seb.* Well; I am standing water.



*Ant.* I'll teach you how to flow.

*Seb.* Do so : to ebb,  
Hereditary sloth instructs me.

*Ant.* O,  
If you but knew how you the purpose cherish,  
Whiles thus you mock it ! how, in stripping it,  
You more invest it ! Ebbing men, indeed,  
Most often do so near the bottom run,  
By their own fear, or sloth.

*Seb.* Prithee, say on :  
The setting of thine eye, and cheek, proclaim  
A matter from thee ; and a birth, indeed,  
Which throes thee much to yield.

*Ant.* Thus, sir :  
Although this lord of weak remembrance, this  
(Who shall be of as little memory,  
When he is earth'd,) hath here almost persuaded  
(For he's a spirit of persuasion only,)  
The king, his son's alive ; 'tis as impossible  
That he's undrown'd, as he that sleeps here,  
swims.

*Seb.* I have no hope  
That he's undrown'd.

*Ant.* O, out of that no hope,  
What great hope have you ! no hope, that way, is  
Another way so high an hope, that even  
Ambition cannot pierce a wink beyond,  
But doubts discovery there. Will you grant,  
with me,  
That Ferdinand is drown'd ?

*Seb.* He's gone.

*Ant.* Then tell me,  
Who's the next heir of Naples ?

*Seb.* Claribel.

*Ant.* She that is queen of Tunis ; she that dwells  
Ten leagues beyond man's life ; she that from  
Naples

Can have no note, unless the sun were post,  
(The man i' the moon's too slow,) till new-born  
chins

Be rough and razorable : she, from whom  
We were all sea-swallow'd, though some cast again ;  
And, by that, destined to perform an act,



Whereof what's past is prologue; what to come,  
In yours and my discharge.

*Seb.* What stuff is this? How say you?  
'Tis true, my brother's daughter's queen of Tunis;  
So is she heir of Naples; twixt which regions  
There is some space.

*Ant.* A space whose every cubit  
Seems to cry out, *How shall that Claribel*  
*Measure us back to Naples?* — Keep in Tunis,  
And let Sebastian wake! — Say, this were death  
That now hath seized them; why they were no worse  
Than now they are: There be, that can rule Naples,  
As well as he that sleeps; lords, that can prate  
As amply, and unnecessarily,  
As this Gonzalo; I myself could make  
A chough of as deep chat. O, that you bore  
The mind that I do! what a sleep were this  
For your advancement! Do you understand me?

*Seb.* Methinks, I do.

*Ant.* And how does your content  
Tender your own good fortune?

*Seb.* I remember,  
You did supplant your brother Prospero.

*Ant.* True:  
And, look, how well my garments sit upon me;  
Much feater than before: My brother's servants  
Were then my fellows, now they are my men.

*Seb.* But, for your conscience —

*Ant.* Ay, sir; where lies that? if it were a kybe,  
'Twould put me to my slipper; but I feel not  
This deity in my bosom: twenty consciences,  
That stand 'twixt me and Milan, candied be they,  
And melt, ere they molest! Here lies your brother,  
No better than the earth he lies upon,  
If he were that which now he's like; whom I,  
With this obedient steel, three inches of it,  
Can lay to bed for ever: whiles you, doing thus,  
To the perpetual wink for aye might put  
This ancient morsel, this sir Prudence, who  
Should not upbraid our course. For all the rest,  
They'll take suggestion, as a cat laps milk;  
They'll tell the clock to any business that  
We say befits the hour.



*Seb.* Thy case, dear friend,  
Shall be my precedent; as thou gotst Milan,  
I'll come by Naples. Draw thy sword: one stroke  
Shall free thee from the tribute which thou payst;  
And I the king shall love thee.

*Ant.* Draw together:  
And when I rear my hand, do you the like,  
To fall it on Gonzalo.

*Seb.* O, but one word.

(They converse apart.)

*Music.* *Re-enter ARIEL, invisible.*

*Ari.* My master through his art foresees the danger  
That these, his friends, are in; and sends me  
forth,

(For else his project dies,) to keep them living.

(Sings in GONZALO'S ear.)

*While you here do snoring lie,*

*Open-eyed conspiracy*

*His time doth take:*

*If of life you keep a care,*

*Shake off slumber, and beware:*

*Awake! awake!*

*Ant.* Then let us both be sudden.

*Gon.* Now, good angels, preserve the king!

(They wake.)

*Alon.* Why, how now, ho! awake! Why are  
you drawn?

Wherefore this ghastly looking?

*Gon.* What's the matter?

*Seb.* Whiles we stood here securing your repose,  
Even now, we heard a hollow burst of bellowing  
Like bulls, or rather lions; did it not wake you?  
It struck mine ear most terribly.

*Alon.* I heard nothing.

*Ant.* O, 'twas a din to fright a monster's ear;  
To make an earthquake! sure it was the roar  
Of a whole herd of lions.

*Alon.* Heard you this, Gonzalo?

*Gon.* Upon mine honor, sir, I heard a humming,  
And that a strange one too, which did awake me:



I shaked you, sir, and cry'd; as mine eyes open'd,  
I saw their weapons drawn: — there was a noise,  
That's verity: Best stand upon our guard;  
Or that we quit this place: let's draw our weapons.

*Alon.* Lead off this ground; and let's make  
further search

For my poor son.

*Gon.* Heavens keep him from these beasts!  
For he is, sure, i'the island.

*Alon.* Lead away.

*Ari.* Prospero my lord shall know what I have  
done. (*Aside.*)

So, king, go safely on to seek thy son. (*Exeunt.*)

## SCENE II.

*Another part of the island.*

*Enter CALIBAN, with a burden of wood.*  
*A noise of thunder heard.*

*Cal.* All the infections that the sun sucks up  
From bogs, fens, flats, on Prosper fall, and make  
him

By inch-meal a disease! His spirits hear me,  
And yet I needs must curse. But they'll nor pinch,  
Fright me with urchin shows, pitch me i' the mire,  
Nor lead me, like a fire-brand, in the dark  
Out of my way, unless he bid them; but  
For every trifle are they set upon me:  
Sometime like apes, that moe and chatter at me,  
And after, bite me; then like hedge-hogs, which  
Lie tumbling in my bare-foot way, and mount  
Their pricks at my foot-fall; sometime am I  
All wound with adders, who, with cloven tongues,  
Do hiss me into madness: — Lo! now! lo!

*Enter TRINCULO.*

Here comes a spirit of his; and to torment me,  
For bringing wood in slowly: I'll fall flat;  
Perchance he will not mind me.

*Trin.* Here's neither bush nor shrub, to bear  
off any weather at all, and another storm brewing;

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I hear it sing i' the wind : yond' same black cloud, yond' huge one, looks like a foul bumbard that would shed his liquor. If it should thunder, as it did before, I know not where to hide my head : yond' same clond cannot choose but fall by pailfuls. — What have we here? a man or a fish? Dead or alive? A fish : he smells like a fish ; a very ancient and fish-like smell ; a kind of, not of the newest, Poor-John. A strange fish ! Were I in England now, (as once I was,) and had but this fish painted, not a holiday-fool there but would give a piece of silver : there would this monster make a man ; any strange beast there makes a man : when they will not give a doit to relieve a lame beggar, they will lay out ten to see a dead Indian. Legg'd like a man ! and his fins like arms ! Warm, o' my troth ! I do now let loose my opinion, hold it no longer ; this is no fish, but an islander, that hath lately suffered by a thunderbolt. (Thunder.) Alas ! the storm is come again : my best way is to creep under his gaberdine ; there is no other shelter hereabout : Misery acquaints a man with strange bed-fellows. I will here shroud, till the dregs of the storm be past.

*Enter STEPHANO, singing ; a bottle in his hand.*

Ste. *I shall no more to sea, to sea,  
Here shall I die a-shore ; —*

This is a very scurvy tune to sing at a man's funeral : Well, here's my comfort. (Drinks.)

*The master, the swabber, the boatswain, and I,  
The gunner, and his mate,  
Loved Mall, Meg, and Marian, and Margery,  
But none of us cared for Kate :  
For she had a tongue with a tang,  
Would cry to a sailor, Go, hang :  
She loved not the savour of tar nor of pitch,  
Yet a tailor might scratch her where-e'er she did  
itch :  
Then to sea, boys, and let her go hang.*



This is a scurvy tune too : But here's my comfort. (Drinks.)

*Cal.* Do not torment me : O !

*Ste.* What's the matter? Have we devils here? Do you put tricks upon us with savages, and men of Inde? Ha! I have not scaped drowning, to be afeard now of your four legs; for it hath been said, As proper a man as ever went on four legs, cannot make him give ground : and it shall be said so again, whilst Stephano breathes at nostrils.

*Cal.* The spirit torments me : O !

*Ste.* This is some monster of the isle, with four legs; who hath got, as I take it, an ague : Where the devil should he learn our language? I will give him some relief, if it be but for that : If I can recover him, and keep him tame, and get to Naples with him, he's a present for any emperor that ever trod on neat's-leather.

*Cal.* Do not torment me, prithee; I'll bring my wood home faster.

*Ste.* He's in his fit now; and does not talk after the wisest. He shall taste of my bottle : if he have never drunk wine afore, it will go near to remove his fit : if I can recover him, and keep him tame, I will not take too much for him : he shall pay for him that hath him. and that soundly.

*Cal.* Thou dost me yet but little hurt; thou wilt anon, I know it by thy trembling : Now Prosper works upon thee.

*Ste.* Come on your ways; open your mouth; here is that which will give language to you, cat; open your mouth : this will shake your shaking, I can tell you, and that soundly; you cannot tell who's your friend : open your chaps again.

*Trin.* I should know that voice : It should be— But he is drowned; and these are devils : O! defend me! —

*Ste.* Four legs, and two voices; a most delicate monster! His forward voice now is to speak well of his friend; his backward voice is to utter foul speeches, and to detract. If all the wine in my bottle will recover him, I will help his ague :



Come, — Amen! I will pour some in thy other mouth.

*Trin.* Stephano, —

*Ste.* Doth thy other mouth call me? Mercy! mercy! This is a devil, and no monster: I will leave him; I have no long spoon.

*Trin.* Stephano! If thou beest Stephano, touch me, and speak to me; for I am Trinculo; — be not afraid, — thy good friend Trinculo.

*Ste.* If thou beest Trinculo, come forth; I'll pull thee by the lesser legs: If any be Trinculo's legs, these are they. Thou art very Trinculo, indeed: How camest thou to be the siege of this moon-calf? Can he vent Trinculos?

*Trin.* I took him to be killed with a thunder-stroke: But art thou not drowned, Stephano? I hope now, thou art not drowned. Is the storm over-blown? I hid me under the dead moon-calf's gaberdine, for fear of the storm: And art thou living, Stephano? O Stephano, two Neapolitans 'scaped!

*Ste.* Prithee, do not turn me about; my stomach is not constant.

*Cal.* These be fine things, an if they be not sprites.

That's a brave god, and bears celestial liquor: I will kneel to him.

*Ste.* How didst thou 'scape? How camest thou hither? swear by this bottle, how thou camest hither. I escaped upon a butt of sack, which the sailors heaved over-board, by this bottle! which I made of the bark of a tree, with mine own hands, since I was cast a-shore.

*Cal.* I'll swear, upon that bottle, to be thy true subject; for the liquor is not earthly.

*Ste.* Here; swear then how thou escapedst.

*Trin.* Swam a-shore, man, like a duck; I can swim like a duck, I'll be sworn.

*Ste.* Here, kiss the book: Though thou canst swim like a duck, thou art made like a goose.

*Trin.* O Stephano, hast any more of this?

*Ste.* The whole butt, man; my cellar is in a rock by the sea-side, where my wine is hid. How now, moon-calf? how does thine ague?



*Cal.* Hast thou not dropped from heaven?

*Ste.* Out o' the moon, I do assure thee: I was the man in the moon, when time was.

*Cal.* I have seen thee in her, and I do adore thee; my mistress showed me thee, thy dog, and bush.

*Ste.* Come, swear to that: kiss the book: I will furnish it anon with new contents: swear.

*Trin.* By this good light, this is a very shallow monster: — I afear'd of him? — a very weak monster: — The man i' the moon! — a most poor credulous monster: — Well drawn, monster, in good sooth.

*Cal.* I'll show thee every fertile inch o' the island; And kiss thy foot: I prithee, be my god.

*Trin.* By this light, a most perfidious and drunken monster; when his god's asleep, he'll rob his bottle.

*Cal.* I'll kiss thy foot: I'll swear myself thy subject.

*Ste.* Come on then; down, and swear.

*Trin.* I shall laugh myself to death at this puppy-headed monster: A most scurvy monster! I could find in my heart to beat him, —

*Ste.* Come, kiss.

*Trin.* — but that the poor monster's in drink: An abominable monster!

*Cal.* I'll show thee the best springs; I'll pluck thee berries;  
I'll fish for thee, and get thee wood enough.  
A plague upon the tyrant that I serve!  
I'll bear him no more sticks, but follow thee,  
Thou wondrous man.

*Trin.* A most ridiculous monster; to make a wonder of a poor drunkard.

*Cal.* I prithee, let me bring thee where crabs grow;  
And I with my long nails will dig thee pig-nuts;  
Show thee a jay's nest, and instruct thee how  
To snare the nimble marmozet; I'll bring thee  
To clustering filberds, and sometimes I'll get thee  
Young sea-mells from the rock: Wilt thou go  
with me?



*Ste.* I prithee now, lead the way, without any more talking. — Trinculo, the king and all our company else being drowned, we will inherit here. — Here; bear my bottle. Fellow Trinculo, we'll fill him by and by again.

*Cal.* Farewell, master; farewell, farewell.

(Sings drunkenly.)

*Trin.* A howling monster; a drunken monster.

*Cal.* No more dams I'll make for fish;

Nor fetch in firing

At requiring.

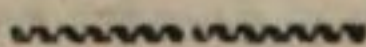
Nor scrape trenchering, nor wash dish;

'Ban, 'Ban, Ca — Caliban,

Has a new master — get a new man.

Freedom, hey-day! hey-day, freedom! freedom,  
hey-day, freedom!

*Ste.* O brave monster! lead the way. (Exeunt.)



## A C T I I I.

### SCENE I.

*Before PROSPERO's Cell.*

*Enter FERDINAND, bearing a log.*

*Fer.* There be some sports are painful; but their  
labor

Delight in them sets off: some kinds of baseness  
Are nobly undergone; and most poor matters  
Point to rich ends. This my mean task would be  
As heavy to me, as 'tis odious; but  
The mistress, which I serve, quickens what's  
dead,

And makes my labors pleasures: O, she is



*Enter MIRANDA; and PROSPERO at a distance.*

*Fer.* No, noble mistress; 'tis fresh morning  
with me,  
When you are by at night. I do beseech you,  
(Chiefly, that I might set it in my prayers,)  
What is your name?



*Mira.* Miranda : — O my father,  
I have broke your hest to say so!

*Fer.* Admired Miranda!  
Indeed, the top of admiration; worth  
What's dearest to the world! Full many a lady  
I have eyed with best regard; and many a time  
The harmony of their tongues hath into bondage  
Brought my too diligent ear: for several virtues  
Have I liked several women; never any  
With so full soul, but some defect in her  
Did quarrel with the noblest grace she owed,  
And put it to the foil: But you. O you,  
So perfect and so peerless, are created  
Of every creature's best.

*Mira.* I do not know  
One of my sex; no woman's face remember,  
Save, from my glass, mine own; nor have I seen  
More that I may call men, than you, good  
friend,

And my dear father; how features are abroad,  
I am skill-less of; but, by my modesty,  
(The jewel in my dower,) I would not wish  
Any companion in the world but you;  
Nor can imagination form a shape,  
Besides yourself, to like of: but I prattle  
Something too wildly, and my father's precepts  
Therein forget

*Fer.* I am, in my condition,  
A prince, Miranda; I do think, a king;  
(I would, not so!) and would no more endure  
This wooden slavery, than I would suffer  
The flesh-fly blow my mouth. — Hear my soul  
speak; —

The very instant that I saw you, did  
My heart fly to your service; there resides,  
To make me slaves to it; and, for your sake,  
Am I this patient log-man.

*Mira.* Do you love me?

*Fer.* O heaven, O earth, bear witness to this  
sound,

And crown what I profess with kind event,  
If I speak true; if hollowly, invert  
What best is boded me, to mischief! I,



Beyond all limit of what else i' the world,  
Do love, prize, honor you.

*Mira.* I am a fool,  
To weep at what I am glad of.

*Pro.* Fair encounter  
Of two most rare affections! Heavens rain grace  
On that which breeds between them!

*Fer.* Wherefore weep you?

*Mira.* At mine unworthiness, that dare not offer  
What I desire to give; and much less take,  
What I shall die to want: But this is trifling;  
And all the more it seeks to hide itself,  
The bigger bulk it shows. Hence, bashful cunning!  
And prompt me, plain and holy innocence!  
I am your wife, if you will marry me;  
If not, I'll die your maid: to be your fellow  
You may deny me; but I'll be your servant,  
Whether you will or no.

*Fer.* My mistress, dearest,  
And I thus humble ever.

*Mira.* My husband then?

*Fer.* Ay, with a heart as willing  
As bondage e'er of freedom: here's my hand.

*Mira.* And mine, with my heart in't: And now  
farewell,  
Till half an hour hence.

*Fer.* A thousand! thousand!

(Exeunt FERDINAND and MIRANDA.)

*Pro.* So glad of this as they, I cannot be,  
Who are surprized with all; but my rejoicing  
At nothing can be more. I'll to my book;  
For yet, ere supper time, must I perform  
Much business appertaining. (Exit.)

## SCENE II.

*Another part of the island.*

*Enter STEPHANO, and TRINCULO; CA-  
LIBAN following with a bottle.*

*Ste.* Tell not me; — when the butt is out, we  
will drink water; not a drop before: therefore



bear up, and board 'em : Servant-monster, drink to me.

*Trin.* Servant-monster? the folly of this island! They say, there's but five upon this isle : we are three of them ; if the other two be brained like us, the state totters.

*Ste.* Drink, servant-monster, when I bid thee ; thy eyes are almost set in thy head.

*Trin.* Where should they be set else ? he were a brave monster indeed, if they were set in his tail.

*Ste.* My man-monster hath drowned his tongue in sack : for my part, the sea cannot drown me : I swam, ere I could recover the shore, five-and-thirty leagues, off and on, by this light. — Thou shalt be my lieutenant, monster, or my standard.

*Trin.* Your lieutenant, if you list ; he's no standard.

*Ste.* We'll not run, monsieur monster.

*Trin.* Nor go neither : but you'll lie, like dogs ; and yet say nothing neither.

*Ste.* Moon-calf, speak once in thy life, if thou beest a good moon-calf.

*Cal.* How does thy honor ? Let me lick thy shoe : I'll not serve him, he is not valiant.

*Trin.* Thou liest, most ignorant monster ; I am in case to juggle a constable : Why, thou deboshed fish thou, was there ever man a coward, that hath drunk so much sack as I to-day ? Wilt thou tell a monstrous lie, being but half a fish, and half a monster ?

*Cal.* Lo, how he mocks me ! wilt thou let him, my lord ?

*Trin.* Lord, quoth he ! — that a monster should be such a natural !

*Cal.* Lo, lo, again ! bite him to death, I prithee.

*Ste.* Trinculo, keep a good tongue in your head ; if you prove a mutineer, the next tree — The poor monster's my subject, and he shall not suffer indignity.

*Cal.* I thank my noble lord. Wilt thou be pleased To hearken once again the suit I made thee ?

*Ste.* Marry will I : kneel, and repeat it ; I will stand, and so shall Trinculo.



*Enter* ARIEL, *invisible*.

*Cal.* As I told thee  
Before, I am subject to a tyrant;  
A sorcerer, that by his cunning hath  
Cheated me of this island.

*Ari.* Thou liest.

*Cal.* Thou liest, thou jesting monkey, thou!  
I would, my valiant master would destroy thee:  
I do not lie.

*Ste* Trinculo, if you trouble him any more in  
his tale, by this hand, I will supplant some of  
your teeth.

*Trin.* Why, I said nothing.

*Ste.* Mum then, and no more. — (To CALIBAN.)  
Proceed.

*Cal.* I say, by sorcery he got this isle;  
From me he got it. If thy greatness will  
Revenge it on him — for, I know, thou darest;  
But this thing dare not —

*Ste.* That's most certain.

*Cal.* Thou shalt be lord of it, and I'll serve thee.

*Ste.* How now shall this be compassed? Canst  
thou bring me to the party?

*Cal.* Yea, yea, my lord; I'll yield him thee asleep,  
Where thou mayst knock a nail into his head.

*Ari.* Thou liest, thou canst not.

*Cal.* What a pied ninny's this? Thou scurvy  
patch! —

I do beseech thy greatness, give him blows,  
And take his bottle from him: when that's gone,  
He shall drink naught but brine; for I'll not show  
him

Where the quick freshes are.

*Ste.* Trinculo, run into no further danger: in-  
terrupt the monster one word further, and, by  
this hand, I'll turn my mercy out of doors, and  
make a stock-fish of thee.

*Trin.* Why, what did I? I did nothing; I'll go  
further off.

*Ste.* Didst thou not say, he lied?

*Ari.* Thou liest.



*Ste.* Do I so? take thou that. (Strikes him.)  
As you like this, give me the lie another time.

*Trin.* I did not give the lie: — Out o' your wits, and hearing too? — A pox o' your bottle! this can sack and drinking do. — A murrain on your monster, and the devil take your fingers!

*Cal.* Ha, ha, ha!

*Ste.* Now, forward with your tale. Prithee stand further off.

*Cal.* Beat him enough: after a little time, I'll beat him too.

*Ste.* Stand further. — Come, proceed.

*Cal.* Why, as I told thee, 'tis a custom with him

I' the afternoon to sleep: there thou mayst brain him,

Having first seized his books; or with a log  
Batter his skull, or paunch him with a stake,  
Or cut his wezand with thy knife: Remember,  
First to possess his books; for without them  
He's but a sot, as I am, nor hath not  
One spirit to command: They all do hate him,  
As rootedly as I: Burn but his books;  
He has brave utensils, (for so he calls them,)  
Which, when he has a house, he'll deck withal.  
And that most deeply to consider, is  
The beauty of his daughter; he himself  
Calls her a non-pareil: I ne'er saw woman,  
But only Sycorax my dam, and she;  
But she as far surpasseth Sycorax,  
As greatest does least.

*Ste.* Is it so brave a lass?

*Cal.* Ay, lord; she will become thy bed, I warrant,

And bring thee forth brave brood.

*Ste.* Monster, I will kill this man: his daughter and I will be king and queen; (save our graces!) and Trinculo and thyself shall be viceroys: — Dost thou like the plot, Trinculo?

*Trin.* Excellent.

*Ste.* Give me thy hand; I am sorry I beat thee: but, while thou livest, keep a good tongue in thy head.



*Cal.* Within this half hour will he be asleep ;  
Wilt thou destroy him then ?

*Ste.* Ay, on mine honor.

*Ari.* This will I tell my master.

*Cal.* Thou makest me merry : I am full of pleasure ;

Let us be jocund : Will you troll the catch  
You taught me but while-ere ?

*Ste.* At thy request, monster, I will do reason,  
any reason : Come on, Trinculo, let us sing. (*Sings.*)

*Flout 'em, and skout 'em ; and skout 'em,  
and flout 'em ;*

*Thought is free.*

*Cal.* That's not the tune.

(*ARIEL* plays the tune on a tabor and pipe.)

*Ste.* What is this same ?

*Trin.* This is the tune of our catch, played by  
the picture of No-body.

*Ste.* If thou beest a man, show thyself in thy  
likeness : if thou beest a devil, take't as thou list.

*Trin.* O, forgive me my sins !

*Ste.* He that dies, pays all debts : I defy thee :  
— Mercy upon us !

*Cal.* Art thou afeard ?

*Ste.* No, monster, not I.

*Cal.* Be not afeard ; the isle is full of noises,  
Sounds, and sweet airs, that give delight, and  
hurt not.

Sometimes a thousand twangling instruments  
Will hum about mine ears ; and sometimes voices,  
That, if I then had waked after long sleep,  
Will make me sleep again : and then, in dreaming,  
The clouds, methought, would open, and show  
riches

Ready to drop upon me ; that, when I waked,  
I cry'd to dream again.

*Ste.* This will prove a brave kingdom to me,  
where I shall have my music for nothing.

*Cal.* When Prospero is destroyed.

*Ste.* That shall be by and by : I remember the  
story.



*Trin.* The sound is going away : let's follow it, and after do our work.

*Ste.* Lead, monster; we'll follow. — I would I could see this taborer: he lays it on.

*Trin.* Wilt come? I'll follow, Stephano. (Exeunt.)

### SCENE III.

*Another part of the island.*

*Enter ALONSO, SEBASTIAN, ANTONIO, GONZALO, ADRIAN, FRANCISCO, and others.*

*Gon.* By'r lakin, I can go no further, sir; My old bones ache; here's a maze trod, indeed, Through forth-rights, and meanders! by your patience,

I needs must rest me.

*Alon.* Old lord, I cannot blame thee, Who am myself attach'd with weariness, To the dulling of my spirits: sit down, and rest, Even here I will put off my hope, and keep it No longer for my flatterer: he is drown'd, Whom thus we stray to find; and the sea mocks Our frustrate search on land: Well, let him go.

*Ant.* I am right glad that he's so out of hope.

(Aside to SEBASTIAN.)

Do not, for one repulse, forego the purpose That you resolved to effect.

*Seb.* The next advantage Will we take thoroughly.

*Ant.* Let it be to-night; For, now they are oppress'd with travel, they Will not, nor cannot, use such vigilance, As when they are fresh.

*Seb.* I say, to-night: no more.

*Solemn and strange music; and PROSPERO above, invisible. Enter several strange shapes, bringing in a banquet;*



*they dance about it with gentle actions of salutation; and inviting the king, etc. to eat, they depart.*

*Alon.* What harmony is this? my good friends,  
hark!

*Gon.* Marvellous sweet music!

*Alon.* Give us kind keepers, heavens! What  
were these?

*Seb.* A living drollery: Now I will believe,  
That there are unicorns; that, in Arabia  
There is one tree, the phoenix' throne; one phoenix  
At this hour reigning there.

*Ant.* I'll believe both;  
And what does else want credit, come to me,  
And I'll be sworn 'tis true: Travellers ne'er  
did lie,

Though fools at home condemn them.

*Gon.* If in Naples  
I should report this now, would they believe me,  
If I should say I saw such islanders,  
(For certes, these are people of the island,)  
Who, though they are of monstrous shape, yet,  
note,

Their manners are more gentle-kind, than of  
Our human generation you shall find  
Many, nay, almost any.

*Pro.* Honest lord,  
Thou hast said well; for some of you there present  
Are worse than devils. (*Aside.*)

*Alon.* I cannot too much muse,  
Such shapes, such gesture, and such sound, ex-  
pressing

(Although they want the use of tongue) a kind  
Of excellent dumb discourse.

*Pro.* Praise in departing. (*Aside.*)

*Fran.* They vanish'd strangely.

*Seb.* No matter, since  
They have left their viands behind; for we have  
stomachs. —

Will't please you taste of what is here?

*Alon.* Not I.







The powers delaying, not forgetting, have  
Incensed the seas and shores, yea all the crea-  
tures.

Against your peace : Thee, of thy son, Alonso,  
They have bereft; and do pronounce by me,  
Lingering perdition, (worse than any death  
Can be at once,) shall step by step attend  
You, and your ways; whose wraths to guard you  
from

(Which here, in this most desolate isle, else falls  
Upon your heads,) is nothing, but heart's sorrow,  
And a clear life ensuing.

*He vanishes in thunder : then, to soft  
music, enter the shapes again, and  
dance with mops and mowes, and  
carry out the table.*

*Pro.* (Aside.) Bravely the figure of this harpy hast  
thou

Perform'd, my Ariel; a grace it had, devouring :  
Of my instruction hast thou nothing bated,  
In what thou hadst to say : so, with good life,  
And observation strange, my meaner ministers  
Their several kinds have done : My high charms  
work,

And these, mine enemies, are all knit up  
In their distractions : they now are in my power;  
And in these fits I leave them, whilst I visit  
Young Ferdinand, (whom they suppose is drown'd,)  
And his and my loved darling.

(Exit PROSPERO from above.)

*Gon.* I' the name of something holy, sir, why  
stand you  
In this strange stare?

*Alon.* O, it is monstrous! monstrous!  
Methought, the billows spoke, and told me of it;  
The winds did sing it to me; and the thunder,  
That deep and dreadful organ pipe, pronounced  
The name of Prosper; it did bass my trespass.  
Therefore my son i' the ooze is bedded; and



I'll seek him deeper than e'er plummet sounded,  
And with him there lie mudded. (Exit.)

*Seb.* But one fiend at a time,  
I'll fight their legions o'er.

*Ant.* I'll be thy second.

(Exeunt SEBASTIAN and ANTONIO.)

*Gon.* All three of them are desperate; their  
great guilt,

Like poison given to work a great time after,  
Now 'gins to bite the spirits: I do beseech you  
That are of suppler joints, follow them swiftly,  
And hinder them from what this ecstacy  
May now provoke them to.

*Adr.* Follow, I pray you. (Exeunt.)

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A C T I V.

SCENE I.

Before PROSPERO's Cell.

Enter PROSPERO, FERDINAND, and MIRANDA.

Pro. If I have too austere-ly punish'd you,
Your compensation makes amends; for I
Have given you here a thread of mine own life,
Or that for which I live; whom once again
I tender to thy hand: all thy vexations
Were but my trials of thy love, and thou
Hast strangely stood the test: here, afore Heaven,
I ratify this my rich gift. O Ferdinand,
Do not smile at me, that I boast her off,
For thou shalt find she will outstrip all praise,
And make it halt behind her.

Fer. I do believe it,
Against an oracle.

Pro. Then, as my gift, and thine own acquisition
Worthily purchased, take my daughter : But
If thou dost break her virgin knot before
All sanctimonious ceremonies may
With full and holy rite be minister'd,
No sweet aspersion shall the heavens let fall
To make this contract grow ; but barren hate,
Sour-eyed disdain, and discord, shall bestrew
The union of your bed with weeds so loathly,
That you shall hate it both ; therefore, take heed,
As Hymen's lamps shall light you.

Fer. As I hope
For quiet days, fair issue, and long life,
With such love as 'tis now ; the murkiest den,
The most opportune place, the strong'st suggestion
Our worser genius can, shall never melt
Mine honor into lust ; to take away
The edge of that day's celebration,
When I shall think, or Phœbus' steeds are founder'd,
Or night kept chain'd below.

Pro. Fairly spoke ;
Sit then, and talk with her, she is thine own. —
What, Ariel ; my industrious servant Ariel !

Enter ARIEL.

Ari. What would my potent master ? here I am.

Pro. Thou and thy meaner fellows your last
service
Did worthily perform ; and I must use you
In such another trick : go, bring the rabble,
O'er whom I give thee power, here, to this place :
Incite them to quick motion ; for I must
Bestow upon the eyes of this young couple
Some vanity of mine art ; it is my promise,
And they expect it from me.

Ari. Presently ?

Pro. Ay, with a twink.

Ari. Before you can say, *Come*, and *go*,
And breathe twice ; and cry, *so, so*,
Each one, tripping on his toe,

*

Will be here with mop and mowe :

Do you love me, master? no.

Pro. Dearly, my delicate Ariel : Do not approach,
Till thou dost hear me call.

Ari. Well I conceive. (Exit.)

Pro. Look, thou be true ; do not give dalliance
Too much the rein ; the strongest oaths are straw
To the fire i' the blood : be more abstemious,
Or else, good night, your vow !

Fer. I warrant you, sir ;
The white cold virgin snow upon my heart
Abates the ardor of my liver.

Pro. Well. —
Now come, my Ariel ; bring a corollary,
Rather than want a spirit ; appear, and pertly. —
No tongue ; all eyes ; be silent. (Soft music.)

A masque. Enter IRIS.

Iris. Ceres, most bounteous lady, thy rich leas
Of wheat, rye, barley, vetches, oats, and pease ;
Thy turfy mountains, where live nibbling sheep,
And flat meads thatch'd with stover, them to keep ;
Thy banks with peonied and lilied brims,
Which spungy April at thy hest betrimms,
To make cold nymphs chaste crowns ; and thy
broom groves,

Whose shadow the dismissed bachelor loves,
Being lass-lorn ; thy pole-clipt vineyard ;
And thy sea-marge, steril, and rocky-hard,
Where thou thyself dost air : The queen o' the
sky,

Whose watery arch, and messenger, am I,
Bids thee leave these ; and with her sovereign
grace,

Here on this grass-plot, in this very place,
To come and sport : her peacocks fly amain ;
Approach, rich Ceres, her to entertain.

Enter CERES.

Cer. Hail, many-color'd messenger, that ne'er
Dost disobey the wife of Jupiter ;

Who, with thy saffron wings, upon my flowers
Diffusest honey-drops, refreshing showers :
And with each end of thy blue bow dost crown
My bosky acres, and my unshrub'd down,
Rich scarf to my proud earth : Why hath thy
queen

Summon'd me hither, to this short-grass'd green ?

Iris. A contract of true love to celebrate ;
And some donation freely to estate
On the bless'd lovers.

Cer. Tell me, heavenly bow,
If Venus, or her son, as thou dost know,
Do now attend the queen ? since they did plot
The means, that dusky Dis my daughter got,
Her and her blind boy's scandal'd company
I have forsworn.

Iris. Of her society
Be not afraid : I met her deity
Cutting the clouds towards Paphos ; and her son
Dove-drawn with her : here thought they to have
done

Some wanton charm upon this man and maid,
Whose vows are, that no bed-rite shall be paid
Till Hymen's torch be lighted : but in vain ;
Mars's hot minion is return'd again ;
Her waspish-headed son has broke his arrows,
Swears he will shoot no more, but play with
sparrows,

And be a boy right out.

Cer. Highest queen of state,
Great Juno comes ; I know her by her gait.

Enter JUNO.

Jun. How does my bounteous sister ? Go with me,
To bless this twain, that they may prosperous be,
And honor'd in their issue.

SONG.

Jun. Honor, riches, marriage-blessing,
Long continuance, and increasing,
Hourly joys be still upon you !
Juno sings her blessings on you.

Cer. *Earth's increase, and foison plenty ;
Barns and garner's never empty ;
Vines, with clustering bunches growing ;
Plants with goodly burden bowing ;
Spring come to you, at the farthest,
In the very end of harvest !
Scarcity, and want, shall shun you ;
Ceres' blessing so is on you.*

Fer. This is a most majestic vision, and
Harmonious charmingly : May I be bold
To think these spirits ?

Pro. Spirits, which by mine art
I have from their confines call'd to enact
My present fancies.

Fer. Let me live here ever ;
So rare a wonder'd father, and a wife,
Make this place Paradise.

(JUNO and CERES whisper, and send IRIS on employment.)

Pro. Sweet now, silence :
Juno and Ceres whisper seriously ;
There's something else to do : hush, and be
mute,
Or else our spell is marr'd.

Iris. You nymphs, call'd Naiads, of the wander-
ing brooks,
With your saged crowns, and ever harmless
looks,
Leave your crisp channels, and on this green
land

Answer your summons ; Juno does command :
Come, temperate nymphs, and help to celebrate
A contract of true love ; be not too late.

Enter certain nymphs.

You sun-burn'd sicklemen, of August weary,
Come hither from the furrow, and be merry ;
Make holiday : your rye-straw hats put on,
And these fresh nymphs encounter every one
In country footing.

Enter certain Reapers, properly habited: they join with the Nymphs in a graceful dance; towards the end whereof PROSPERO starts suddenly, and speaks; after which, to a strange, hollow, and confused noise, they heavily vanish.

Pro. (Aside.) I had forgot that foul conspiracy
Of the beast Caliban, and his confederates,
Against my life; the minute of their plot
Is almost come. — (To the spirits.) Well done; —
avoid; — no more.

Fer. This is most strange: your father's in some
passion
That works him strongly.

Mira. Never till this day,
Saw I him touch'd with anger so distemper'd.

Pro. You do look, my son, in a moved sort,
As if you were dismay'd: be cheerful, sir;
Our revels now are ended: these our actors,
As I foretold you, were all spirits, and
Are melted into air, into thin air:
And like the baseless fabric of this vision,
The cloud-capp'd towers, the gorgeous palaces,
The solemn temples, the great globe itself,
Yea, all which it inherit, shall dissolve;
And, like this insubstantial pageant faded,
Leave not a rack behind: We are such stuff
As dreams are made of, and our little life
Is rounded with a sleep. — Sir, I am vex'd;
Bear with my weakness; my old brain is
troubled.

Be not disturb'd with my infirmity:
If you be pleased, retire into my cell,
And there repose; a turn or two I'll walk,
To still my beating mind.

Fer. Mira.

We wish your peace.

(Exeunt.)

Pro. Come with a thought: — I thank you. —
Ariel, come.

Enter ARIEL.

Ari. Thy thoughts I cleave to : What's thy pleasure ?

Pro. Spirit,
We must prepare to meet with Caliban.

Ari. Ay, my commander : when I presented Ceres,
I thought to have told thee of it ; but I fear'd,
Lest I might anger thee.

Pro. Say again, where didst thou leave these
varlets ?

Ari. I told you, sir, they were red-hot with
drinking

So full of valor, that they smote the air
For breathing in their faces ; beat the ground
For kissing of their feet : yet always bending
Towards their project : Then I beat my tabor,
At which, like unback'd colts, they prick'd their
ears,

Advanced their eye-lids, lifted up their noses,
As they smelt music ; so I charm'd their ears,
That, calf-like, they my lowing follow'd, thro'
Tooth'd briers, sharp furzes, pricking goss, and
thorns,

Which enter'd their frail shins : at last I left them
I' the filthy mantled pool beyond your cell,
There dancing up to the chins, that the foul lake
O'er-stunk their feet.

Pro. This was well done, my bird :
Thy shape invisible retain thou still :
The trumpery in my house, go, bring it hither,
For stale to catch these thieves.

Ari. I go, I go. (Exit.)

Pro. A devil, a born devil, on whose nature
Nurture can never stick ; on whom my pains,
Humanely taken, all, all lost, quite lost ;
And as, with age, his body uglier grows,
So his mind cankers : I will plague them all,

Re-enter ARIEL *loaden with glistering
apparel etc.*

Even to roaring : — Come, hang them on this line.

PROSPERO *and* ARIEL *remain invisible.*
Enter CALIBAN, STEPHANO, *and* TRINCULO; *all wet.*

Cal. Pray you, tread softly, that the blind mole
 may not

Hear a foot-fall : we now are near his cell.

Ste. Monster, your fairy, which, you say, is a harmless fairy, has done little better than play'd the Jack with us.

Trin. Monster, I do smell all horse-piss ; at which my nose is in great indignation.

Ste. So is mine. Dou you hear, monster ? If I should take a displeasure against you ; look you, —

Trin. Thou wert but a lost monster.

Cal. Good my lord, give me thy favor still :
 Be patient. for the prize I'll bring thee to
 Shall hood-wink this mischance ; therefore, speak
 softly,

All's hush'd as midnight yet.

Trin. Ay, but to lose our bottles in the pool, —

Ste. There is not only disgrace and dishonor in that, monster, but an infinite loss.

Trin. That's more to me than my wetting : yet, this is your harmless fairy, monster.

Ste. I will fetch off my bottle, though I be o'er ears for my labor.

Cal. Prithee, my king, be quiet : Seest thou
 here,

This is the mouth of the cell : no noise, and enter :
 Do that good mischief, which may make this
 island

Thine own for ever, and I, thy Caliban,
 For aye thy foot-licker.

Ste. Give me thy hand : I do begin to have bloody thoughts.

Trin. O king Stephano ! O peer ! O worthy Stephano ! look, what a wardrobe here is for thee !

Cal. Let it alone, thou fool ; it is but trash.

Trin. O, ho, monster ; we know what belongs to a frippery : — O king Stephano !

Ste. Put off that gown, Trinculo; by this hand I'll have that gown.

Trin. Thy grace shall have it.

Cal. The dropsy drown this fool! what do you mean,

To dote thus on such luggage? Let's along,
And do the murder first: if he awake,
From toe to crown he'll fill our skins with pinches;
Make us strange stuff.

Ste. Be you quiet, monster. — Mistress line, is not this my jerkin? Now is the jerkin under the line: now, jerkin, you are like to lose your hair, and prove a bald jerkin.

Trin. Do, do: We steal by line and level, and't like your grace.

Ste. I thank thee for that jest; here's a garment for't: wit shall not go unrewarded, while I am king of this country: *Steal by line and level*, is an excellent pass of pate; there's another garment for't.

Trin. Monster, come, put some lime upon your fingers, and away with the rest.

Cal. I will have none on't: we shall lose our time,

And all be turn'd to barnacles, or to apes
With foreheads villainous low.

Ste. Monster, lay-to your fingers; help to bear this away, where my hogshead of wine is, or I'll turn you out of my kingdom: go to, carry this.

Trin. And this.

Ste. Ay, and this.

A noise of hunters heard. Enter divers Spirits, in shape of hounds, and hunt them about; PROSPERO and ARIEL setting them on.

Pro. Hey, Mountain, hey!

Ari. Silver! there it goes, Silver!

Pro. Fury! Fury! there, Tyrant, there! hark,
hark!

(CALIBAN, STEPHANO, and TRINCULO, are driven out.)

Go, charge my goblins that they grind their joints
With dry convulsions; shorten up their sinews
With aged cramps; and more pinch-spotted make
them,

Than pard, or cat o' mountain.

Ari. Hark, they roar.

Pro. Let them be hunted soundly: at this hour
Lie at my mercy all mine enemies:
Shortly shall all my labors end, and thou
Shalt have the air at freedom: for a little,
Follow, and do me service. (Exeunt)

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A C T V.

SCENE I.

*Before the Cell of PROSPERO.*

*Enter PROSPERO in his magic robes, and  
ARIEL.*

*Pro.* Now does my project gather to a head:  
My charms crack not; my spirits obey; and time  
Goes upright with his carriage. How's the day?

*Ari.* On the sixth hour; at which time, my lord,  
You said our work should cease.

*Pro.* I did say so,  
When first I raised the tempest. Say, my spirit,  
How fares the king and his?

*Ari.* Confined together  
In the same fashion as you gave in charge;  
Just as you left them, sir; all prisoners  
In the lime-grove which weather-fends your cell:  
They cannot budge, till your release. The king,  
His brother, and yours, abide all three distracted;  
And the remainder mourning over them,



Brim-full of sorrow and dismay; but chiefly  
Him you term'd, sir, *The good old lord, Gonzalo,*  
His tears run down his beard like winter's drops  
From eaves of reeds : your charm so strongly  
works them,

That if you now beheld them, your affections  
Would become tender.

*Pro.* Dost thou think so, spirit?

*Ari.* Mine would, sir, were I human.

*Pro.* And mine shall.

Hast thou, which art but air, a touch, a feeling  
Of their afflictions? and shall not myself,  
One of their kind, that relish all as sharply,  
Passion as they, be kindlier moved than thou art?  
Though with their high wrongs I am struck to  
the quick,

Yet, with my nobler reason, 'gainst my fury  
Do I take part : the rarer action is  
In virtue than in vengeance : they being penitent,  
The sole drift of my purpose doth extend  
Not a frown further : Go, release them, Ariel;  
My charms I'll break, their senses I'll restore,  
And they shall be themselves.

*Ari.* I'll fetch them, sir. (Exit.)

*Pro.* Ye elves of hills, brooks, standing lakes,  
and groves;

And ye, that on the sands with printless foot  
Do chase the ebbing Neptune, and do fly him  
When he comes back; you demi-puppets, that  
By moon-shine do the green-sour ringlets make,  
Whereof the ewe not bites; and you, whose  
pastime

Is to make midnight-mushrooms; that rejoice  
To hear the solemn curfew; by whose aid  
(Weak masters though ye be) I have bedimm'd  
The noon-tide sun, call'd forth the mutinous  
winds,

And 'twixt the green sea and the azured vault  
Set roaring war : to the dread rattling thunder  
Have I given fire, and rifted Jove's stout oak  
With his own bolt : the strong-based promontory  
Have I made shake ; and by the spurs pluck'd up  
The pine, and cedar : graves, at my command,



Have waked their sleepers; op'd and let them  
 forth,  
 By my so potent art: But this rough magic  
 I here abjure: and, when I have required  
 Some heavenly music (which even now I do)  
 To work mine end upon their senses, that  
 This airy charm is for, I'll break my staff,  
 Bury it certain fathoms in the earth,  
 And, deeper than did ever plummet sound,  
 I'll drown my book. (Solemn music.)

*Re-enter ARIEL: after him, ALONSO, with  
 a frantic gesture, attended by GON-  
 ZALO; SEBASTIAN and ANTONIO in like  
 manner, attended by ADRIAN and  
 FRANCISCO: They all enter the circle  
 which PROSPERO had made, and there  
 stand charmed; which PROSPERO ob-  
 serving, speaks.*

A solemn air, and the best comforter  
 To an unsettled fancy, cure thy brains,  
 Now useless, boil'd within thy skull! There stand,  
 For you are spell-stopp'd. —  
 Holy Gonzalo, honorable man,  
 Mine eyes, even sociable to the show of thine,  
 Fall fellowly drops. — The charm dissolves apace;  
 And as the morning steals upon the night,  
 Melting the darkness, so their rising senses  
 Begin to chase the ignorant fumes that mantle  
 Their clearer reason. — O my good Gonzalo,  
 My true preserver, and a loyal sir  
 To him thou followst; I will pay thy graces  
 Home, both in word and deed. — Most cruelly  
 Didst thou, Alonso, use me and my daughter:  
 Thy brother was a furtherer in the act; —  
 Thou'rt pinch'd for't now, Sebastian. — Flesh and  
 blood,  
 You brother mine, that entertain'd ambition,  
 Expell'd remorse and nature; who with Sebastian  
 (Whose inward pinches therefore are most strong,)



Would here have kill'd your king ; I do forgive thee,  
Unnatural though thou art ! — Their understand-  
ing

Begins to swell ; and the approaching tide  
Will shortly fill the reasonable shores,  
That now lie foul and muddy. Not one of them,  
That yet looks on me, or would know me : —

Ariel,

Fetch me the hat and rapier in my cell ;

(Exit ARIEL.)

I will dis-case me, and myself present,  
As I was sometime Milan : — quickly, spirit ;  
Thou shalt ere long be free.

ARIEL *re-enters, singing, and helps to  
attire* PROSPERO.

Ari. *Where the bee sucks, there suck I,  
In a cowslip's bell I lie :  
There I couch when owls do cry.  
On the bat's back I do fly,  
After summer, merrily :  
Merrily, merrily, shall I live now,  
Under the blossom that hangs on the bough.*

Pro. Why, that's my dainty Ariel : I shall miss  
thee ;

But yet thou shalt have freedom : so, so, so —  
To the king's ship, invisible as thou art :  
There shalt thou find the mariners asleep  
Under the hatches ; the master, and the boat-  
swain,

Being awake, enforce them to this place ;  
And presently, I prithee.

Ari. I drink the air before me, and return  
Or e'er your pulse twice beat. (Exit ARIEL.)

Gon. All torment, trouble, wonder, and amaze-  
ment

Inhabits here : Some heavenly power guide us  
Out of this fearful country !

Pro. Behold, sir king,  
The wronged duke of Milan, Prospero :



For more assurance that a living prince  
Does now speak to thee, I embrace thy body ;  
And to thee and thy company, I bid  
A hearty welcome.

*Alon.* Whe'r thou beest he, or no,  
Or some enchanted trifle to abuse me,  
As late I have been, I not know : thy pulse  
Beats, as of flesh and blood ; and, since I saw  
thee,  
The affliction of my mind amends, with which,  
I fear, a madness held me : this must crave  
(An if this be at all) a most strange story.  
Thy dukedom I resign ; and do entreat  
Thou pardon me my wrongs : — But how should  
Prospero

Be living and be here ?

*Pro.* First, noble friend,  
Let me embrace thine age ; whose honor cannot  
Be measured, or confined.

*Gon.* Whether this be,  
Or be not, I'll not swear.

*Pro.* You do yet taste  
Some subtilties o' the isle, that will not let you  
Believe things certain : — Welcome, my friends  
all : —

But you, my brace of lords, were I so minded,

(Aside to SEBASTIAN and ANTONIO.)

I here could pluck his highness' frown upon you,  
And justify you traitors : at this time  
I'll tell no tales.

*Seb.* The devil speaks in him. (Aside.)

*Pro* No : —

For you, most wicked sir, whom to call brother  
Would even infect my mouth, I do forgive  
Thy rankest fault ; all of them ; and require  
My dukedom of thee, which, perforce, I know,  
Thou must restore.

*Alon.* If thou beest Prospero,  
Give us particulars of thy preservation :  
How thou hast met us here, who three hours  
since  
Were wreck'd upon this shore ; where I have lost



(How sharp the point of this remembrance is!)  
My dear son Ferdinand.

*Pro.* I am woe for't, sir.

*Alon.* Irreparable is the loss; and Patience  
Says, it is past her cure.

*Pro.* I rather think,  
You have not sought her help; of whose soft  
grace,  
For the like loss, I have her sovereign aid,  
And rest myself content.

*Alon.* You the like loss?

*Pro.* As great to me, as late; and portable  
To make the dear loss, have I means much weaker  
Than you may call to comfort you; for I  
Have lost my daughter.

*Alon.* A daughter?  
O heavens! that they were living both in Naples,  
The king and queen there! that they were, I wish  
Myself were mudded in that oozy bed  
Where my son lies. When did you lose your  
daughter?

*Pro.* In this last tempest. I perceive these  
lords  
At this encounter do so much admire,  
That they devour their reason; and scarce think  
Their eyes do offices of truth, their words  
Are natural breath; but, howsoe'er you have  
Been justled from your senses, know for certain,  
That I am Prospero, and that very duke  
Which was thrust forth of Milan; who most  
strangely  
Upon this shore, where you were wreck'd, was  
landed.

To be the lord on't. No more yet of this;  
For 'tis a chronicle of day by day,  
Not a relation for a breakfast, nor  
Befitting this first meeting. Welcome, sir;  
This cell's my court: here have I few attendants,  
And subjects none abroad: pray you, look in.  
My dukedom since you have given me again,  
I will requite you with as good a thing;  
At least, bring forth a wonder, to content ye,  
As much as me my dukedom.



*The entrance of the cell opens, and discovers FERDINAND and MIRANDA playing at chess.*

*Mira.* Sweet lord, you play me false.

*Fer.* No, my dearest love,  
I would not for the world.

*Mira.* Yes, for a score of kingdoms you should wrangle,

And I would call it fair play.

*Alon.*

If this prove

A vision of the island, one dear son  
Shall I twice lose.

*Seb.*

A most high miracle!

*Fer.* Tho' the seas threaten, they are merciful:  
I have cursed them without cause.

(FERDINAND kneels to ALONSO.)

*Alon.*

Now all the blessings

Of a glad father compass thee about!

Arise, and say how thou camest here.

*Mira.*

**O! wonder!**

How many goodly creatures are there here!

How beauteous mankind is! O brave new world,  
That has such people in't!

*Pro.*

'Tis new to thee.

*Alon.* What is this maid, with whom thou wast  
at play?

Your eld'st acquaintance cannot be three hours :  
Is she the goddess that hath sever'd us,  
And brought us thus together?

*Fer.*

Sir, she's mortal;

But, by immortal Providence, she's mine;  
I chose her, when I could not ask my father  
For his advice; nor thought I had one: she  
Is daughter to this famous duke of Milan,  
Of whom so often I have heard renown,  
But never saw before; of whom I have  
Received a second life, and second father  
This lady makes him to me.

*Alon.*

I am hers :

But O, how oddly will it sound, that I  
Must ask my child forgiveness!







*Ari.* Sir, all this service }  
Have I done since I went. } (Aside.)

*Pro.* My tricky spirit! }

*Alon.* These are not natural events; they  
strengthen,  
From strange to stranger: — Say, how came you  
hither?

*Boats.* If I did think, sir, I were well awake,  
I'd strive to tell you. We were dead of sleep,  
And (how, we know not,) all clapp'd under  
hatches,

Where, but even now, with strange and several  
noises

Of roaring, shrieking, howling, gingling chains,  
And more diversity of sounds, all horrible,  
We were awaked; straightway at liberty:

Where we, in all her trim, freshly beheld  
Our royal, good, and gallant ship; our master  
Capering to eye her: On a trice, so please you,  
Even in a dream, were we divided from them,  
And were brought moping hither.

*Ari.* Was't well done? }

*Pro.* Bravely, my diligence. Thou } (Aside.)  
shalt be free.

*Alon.* This is as strange a maze as e'er men  
trod:

And there is in this business more than nature  
Was ever conduct of; some oracle  
Must rectify our knowledge.

*Pro.* Sir, my liege,  
Do not infest your mind with beating on  
The strangeness of this business; at pick'd lei-  
sure,

Which shall be shortly, single I'll resolve you  
(Which to you shall seem probable) of every  
These happen'd accidents: till when, be cheerful,  
And think of each thing well. — Come hither,  
spirit; (Aside.)

Set Caliban and his companions free:  
Untie the spell. (Exit ARIEL.) How fares my gra-  
cious sir?

There are yet missing of your company  
Some few odd lads, that you remember not.



*Re-enter ARIEL, driving in CALIBAN, STEPHANO, and TRINCULO, in their stolen apparel.*

*Ste.* Every man shift for all the rest, and let no man take care for himself; for all is but fortune: — Coragio, bully-monster, coragio!

*Trin.* If these be true spies which I wear in my head, here's a goodly sight.

*Cal.* O Setebos, these be brave spirits, indeed! How fine my master is! I am afraid He will chastise me.

*Seb.* Ha, ha;  
What things are these, my lord Antonio!  
Will money buy them?

*Ant.* Very like; one of them  
Is a plain fish, and, no doubt, marketable.

*Pro.* Mark but the badges of these men, my lords,  
Then say, if they be true: — This mis-shapen knave,

His mother was a witch; and one so strong  
That could control the moon, make flows and ebbs,  
And deal in her command, without her power:  
These three have robb'd me; and this demidevil  
(For he's a bastard one) had plotted with them  
To take my life: two of these fellows you  
Must know, and own; this thing of darkness I  
Acknowledge mine.

*Cat.* I shall be pinch'd to death.

*Alon.* Is not this Stephano, my drunken butler?

*Seb.* He is drunk now: Where had he wine?

*Alon.* And Trinculo is reeling ripe: Where  
should they

Find this grand liquor that hath gilded them? —  
How camest thou in this pickle?

*Trin.* I have been in such a pickle, since I saw you last, that, I fear me, will never out of my bones: I shall not fear fly-blowing.

*Seb.* Why, how now, Stephano?

*Ste.* O, touch me not; I am not Stephano, but a cramp.



*Pro.* You'd be king of the isle, sirrah?

*Ste.* I should have been a sore one then.

*Alon.* This is as strange a thing as e'er I look'd on.

(Pointing to CALIBAN.)

*Pro.* He is as disproportion'd in his manners,  
As in his shape: — Go, sirrah, to my cell;  
Take with you your companions; as you look  
To have my pardon, trim it handsomely.

*Cal.* Ay, that I will; and I'll be wise hereafter,  
And seek for grace: What a thrice double ass  
Was I, to take this drunkard for a god,  
And worship this dull fool?

*Pro.* Go to; away!

*Alon.* Hence, and bestow your luggage where  
you found it.

*Seb.* Or stole it, rather.

(EXEUNT CALIBAN, STEPHANO, and TRINCULO.)

*Pro.* Sir, I invite your highness and your train  
To my poor cell: where you shall take your rest  
For this one night; which (part of it) I'll waste  
With such discourse, as, I not doubt, shall make it  
Go quick away: the story of my life,  
And the particular accidents gone by,  
Since I came to this isle: And in the morn,  
I'll bring you to your ship, and so to Naples,  
Where I have hope to see the nuptial  
Of these our dear-beloved solemnized;  
And thence retire me to my Milan, where  
Every third thought shall be my grave.

*Alon.* I long  
To hear the story of your life, which must  
Take the ear strangely.

*Pro.* I'll deliver all;  
And promise you calm seas, auspicious gales,  
And sail so expeditious, that shall catch  
Your royal fleet far off. — My Ariel, — chick, —  
That is thy charge; then to the elements  
Be free, and fare thou well! — (Aside.) Please you  
draw near. (EXEUNT.)

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EPILOGUE.

SPOKEN BY PROSPERO.

Now my charms are all o'erthrown,
And what strength I have's mine own,
Which is most faint : now, 'tis true,
I must be here confined by you,
Or sent to Naples : Let me not,
Since I have my dukedom got,
And pardon'd the deceiver, dwell
In this bare island, by your spell ;
But release me from my bands,
With the help of your good hands.
Gentle breath of yours my sails
Must fill, or else my project fails,
Which was to please : Now I want
Spirits to enforce, art to enchant ;
And my ending is despair,
Unless I be relieved by prayer ;
Which pierces so, that it assaults
Mercy itself, and frees all faults.
As you from crimes would pardon'd be,
Let your indulgence set me free.



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